

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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-Title: OPTICAL WAVEFRONT MODIFIER

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 5 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

5. A device for scanning an optical record carrier having an information layer, comprising a radiation source for generating a radiation beam, an objective system for converging the radiation beam through the transparent layer to a focus on the information layer, and a detection system for intercepting radiation from the record carrier, characterized in that an optical wavefront modifier according to claim 1 is arranged in the optical path between the radiation source and the detection system.